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U.S. rock group banned from Russia

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130806-music_festival-4.html

An American rock group have been banned from playing at a music festival in Russia after a band member put the Russian flag inside his pants. Bass player Jared Hasselhoff put the flag into the front of his pants and pulled it out the back a concert in the Ukraine. He told the crowd, "Don't tell Putin". Russia's Culture Minister called the band "idiots" and banned them from playing at a Russian music festival. Hasselhoff later apologised for his actions.

The band may face criminal charges. A Russian official tweeted: "For such pranks they should be behind bars." A Russian lawmaker said that abusing the Russian flag is a crime. He said: "We will do our best to identify and bring to court every person involved." A comment on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and inexcusable criminal act" that broke Russian laws and insulted Russians worldwide.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-23560474>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. playing at | a. member |
| 2. band | b. playing |
| 3. bass | c. the band "idiots" |
| 4. Russia's Culture Minister called | d. for his actions |
| 5. banned them from | e. a music festival |
| 6. Hasselhoff later apologised | f. player |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The band may face | a. inexcusable criminal act |
| 2. For such pranks they should be | b. Russians worldwide |
| 3. abusing the Russian flag | c. behind bars |
| 4. bring to court every | d. is a crime |
| 5. an unpardonable and | e. criminal charges |
| 6. insulted | f. person involved |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An American rock group have (1) _____ playing at a music festival in Russia after a band (2) _____ Russian flag inside his pants. Bass player Jared Hasselhoff put the flag (3) _____ his pants and pulled it out the back a concert in the Ukraine. (4) _____, "Don't tell Putin". Russia's Culture Minister (5) _____ and banned them from playing at a Russian music festival. Hasselhoff (6) _____ his actions.

The band may (7) _____. A Russian official tweeted: "For such pranks they should (8) _____." A Russian lawmaker (9) _____ Russian flag is a crime. He said: "We will do our best to (10) _____ court every person involved." A comment on the Voice of Russia website called Hasselhoff's actions an "unpardonable and (11) _____ " that broke Russian laws and (12) _____.

NATIONAL FLAGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about national flags in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

